2016 Stepping Into Stewardship
Scholarship Application

The purpose of this scholarship is to create a generosity network across the life of the Christian Church (Disciple of Christ). This network will be comprised of individuals endorsed by a Region of the Christian Church who are willing and able to participate in specialized training provided by the Center for Faith and Giving. The intent is that these persons will become resource agents in the geographical area where they reside to assist the Center for Faith and Giving in fulfilling its vision to *create a culture of generosity across the life the whole church.* These individuals will become assets to the church in the teaching of the biblical and theological aspects of stewardship and the financial "best practices" that should be observed by 501c3 non-profit agencies (specifically the church).

It is anticipated that members of the generosity network will share their knowledge with congregations and their regional organizations on a *"not for fee"* basis as assigned or requested by the regional minister or; as requested (subject to availability) by other congregations in close geographical proximity. (Members of the network will be allowed and encouraged to accept reimbursement for reasonable and customary travel expenses.) In essence, they will become "generosity advocates".

It is understood that the applicant is applying for a *reimbursement* scholarship which will be paid upon completion of full participation in the **Stepping into Stewardship** event. The payment will be made as follows: *up to* $300 for reasonable and customary travel expenses* to Orlando, FL; *up to* $300 for reasonable and customary lodging expenses at the event hotel (Double Tree, Sea World) for the dates March 30 and March 31, 2016; waiver of the registration fee ($149). All expenses must be documented (itemized receipts), and submitted to the Center for Faith and Giving *no later than April 30, 2016*. Registration fees will be waived at the time of registration via a coupon code to be provided to those awarded this scholarship. Meals and other incidental expense are your own responsibility.

The applicant is further agreeing to participate in additional on-line training to be provided at no cost to the individual during the calendar years 2016 and 2017. An additional expectation is that the participant will attend the 2017 North American Conference on Christian Philanthropy (Dates and location are yet to be determined. This commitment to attend the NACCP is contingent upon the Center for Faith and Giving receiving a grant to fund similar scholarships to those being awarded in 2016).

The Center for Faith and Giving extends its appreciation to the Oreon E. Scott Foundation for the grant which made this program possible. We are also grateful for our partners in regional ministry who have nominated candidates for this project. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. A total of 15 grants totaling up to $750 each will be awarded. Pastors or lay persons interested in becoming a part of the generosity network who do not receive a scholarship are still encouraged to participate in **Stepping Into Stewardship** and the other activities outlined above.

Name of Applicant _____

Address (Street)_____

(City, State, Zip)_____

Email address and daytime phone _____

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Name of Region and Regional Minister granting endorsement:

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Regional Minister Contact information:

Phone _____ Email_____

Please tell us about yourself:

Pastor ____ Licensed/Commissioned ____ Lay person _____ Leadership Position_____

Male ____ Female_____ Race _____ Age ____

*Travel expenses will apply to airfare, rental car and gasoline charges. Personal vehicle mileage will be reimbursed at the March 1, 2016 standard IRS rate for business miles (currently $.575 per mile). No payments will be made without proper documentation. Request for payment must be submitted prior to April 30, 2016. Payments will be processed May 2, 2016, and should be received by participants by May 16, 2016.

Participants will be notified that their scholarship has been confirmed beginning the week of December 28, 2015, as their regional minister or designee qualifies them, and *in the order they are received in our office*. Those recipients so notified should register for **Stepping Into Stewardship** between January 1 and February 15, 2016. (You can find the link on the Center for Faith and Giving website.) To qualify, all recipients must have the endorsement of a regional/area minister. No exceptions.

The deadline to submit a qualified application is February 1, 2016.

By signing here, you are agreeing to the above terms:

_____ (signature)

Submit this form (and subsequent documents for reimbursement to): bbarkhauer@disciples.org or mail to: Bruce Barkhauer, 1903 Winged Foot Court, Jeffersonville, IN, 47130.

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Endorsement received _____
Endorsement provided by _____
Region _____
Scholarship Number _____
Confirmation Notification / Coupon Code Issued _____
Expense Documentation Received _____
Check Issued _____
Check Number _____
Check Mailed _____